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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

VERITY DOWDELL ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/693,665

FILED: September 19, 2006

FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING BENZODIAZEPINES

MS: Missing Parts

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed
March 16, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 16, 2007.

A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee.

In response, applicant now submits an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16 or §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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